

December 8, 2021 Board Report

Director's Office



Industry/External

- Continued to work with government affairs and federal delegation to obtain funding for Nevada's food and agriculture sector.
 - American Rescue Plan Act funding
 - Staff for the Home Feeds Nevada Agriculture Purchase Program waiting for approval from the Interim Finance Committee December 9, 2021
 - Staff and \$500,000 for the Community Food Access Grant waiting for approval from the Interim Finance Committee December 9, 2021
- Continues to serve as lead for hiring a new Executive Director for the Western United States Trade Association (WUSATA)
- Participated in regular calls with the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) and USDA leadership to receive information on disease outbreaks, discuss policy updates and provide feedback to USDA and USDA APHIS on program and funding needs.
- Attended NASDA's Annual Conference along with the committees on Food Systems, Natural Resources, and Marketing and International Trade. Represented Nevada in policy amendments guiding the organization
- Attended NASDA's Tri-National Accord and attended meetings with representatives from the dairy industry and pesticide industry to hear about trade issues and biotechnology laws across borders.
- Chaired Food Security Council meeting
 - Continues to work on the 12-month strategic planning process with the Council, UNLV Guinn Center and Blueprint Collaborative

Partner Coordination

- Attended the joint NDA and Made in Nevada Event and presented the inaugural Nevada Agriculture, Food and Beverage Small Business of the Year Award to Tsp. Baking Company.
- Attended the Shared Stewardship Executive Committee to hear updates and discuss the goals and strategic plan.

Executive

- Attended the Sagebrush Ecosystem Council meeting.
- Hosting internal staff program meetings to provide updates and hear ideas in preparation for the budget building process.